ANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (d) At the Aid India Consortium Meeting held in Paris on June 19-20, 1989, members appreciated the progress achieved by Government of India in reducing the budget deficit. Some of them said that they looked forward to further improvement in this direction. However, no specific suggestions were made in this regard.

Financial Assistance by Bush Administration

1970. SHRI CHITTA BASU : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Bush Administration agreed to extend financial assistances to the Government of India during 1990;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the U.S. Congress opposed the above move; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHR EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Bush Administration's request for foreign assistance for FY 1990 is still under consideration in the U.S. Congress.

Cases against industries|manufacturers pending Investigations and prosecutions under FERA

1971. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of FERA cases pending investigation against industries| manufacturers since January 1987 till 30th June, 1989;

(b) what are the details of such industries manufacturers which have been find or prosecuted; and

(c) what is the total amount collected till 30th June, 1989?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) During the period from 1st January, 1987 to 30th June, 1989, the Directorate of Enforcement had adjudicated 13395 cases under FERA and 8007 cases were pending investigation as on 30-6-89.

No separate statistics of individuals, companies, industries and manufacturers are maintained.

(c) During the period, 1st January, 1987 to 30th June, 1989, a total penalty of Rs. 583.85 lakhs was realised.

Clearing of cheques by Delhi branches of State Bank of India

1972. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that while Delhi branches of State Bank of India take two days for clearing cheques other banks in Delhi do the same after one day only; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for this anomaly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) Reserve Bank of India has reported that in accordance with the procedure followed by Clearnig House in Delhi in the processing of cheques, all cheques received on a particular day are sent to the concerned banks alongwith the settlement position on the next day. The banks after checking up the position with the respective banks, return the un-accep-